Right of Franchise to Prisoners

432. SHRI PINAKI MISRA :
SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the All India Lawyers' Forum for Civil Liberties had appealed on the eve of recent general elections to the Lok Sabha to ensure that over 2.5 million prisoners in different jails in the country are able to exercise their right of franchise; and

(b) if so, the arrangements made for securing due exercise of their democratic right?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise.

12.00 hrs.

[Translation]

SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT (Agra) . The flood situation in Agra, Mathura, Rajasthan and Haryana is grim Hon'ble Prime Minister had visited Agra. I would like to inform him that no relief has reached Agra where flood situation is grim. Many people have died. Property of crores of rupees has been lost. The flood meance is prevailing for the last 15 days. Services of Army were sought but have not so far been provided This has resulted in great havoc. Relief operation is going on very slowly. I, therefore, urge upon the Hon'ble Prime Minister to take action to start immediate and long term relief operations.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER . I will ask the Government to look into this

(Interruptions)

[Translation]

SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT I would like to say to the Hon'ble Prime Minister that inspite of his assurance, no relief work has been started We have made requests several time

MR SPEAKER Hon ble Prime Minister has listened to what you have said I have already told them

(Interruptions)

SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA (Jaipur) : There is also flood in Rajasthan...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI BRAHAMANAND MANDAL (Monghyr) : I would like to raise a matter on Monghyr...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : Please sit down. I am on my legs now. You cannot stand up. Please sit down. That is not the way, please sit down.

Hon. Members, I have a special request to make to you to cooperate with me. Today is the Private Members' day; in the afternoon we will take up Private Members' Business. Before that we have to dispose of the Resolution on Kashmir because today is the last day. It has to go to Rajya Sabha on Monday. So today it has to be completed. Also, we are going to have the election of the hon. Deputy Speaker today If we proceed with the Zero Hour, we will not have enough time to dispose of all these items. Therefore I have decided not to proceed with the Zero Hour today.

[Translation]

SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT . I request to Hon'ble Prime Minister..

MR. SPEAKER : Please co-operate. Today election for the office of Deputy Speaker is to be held There is very little time left I have requested Hon'ble Prime Minister to look into the matter raised by you You are not listening to me Please sit down, this is not allowed

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12.04 hrs.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Annual Reports and Review of the working of the Scooters India Ltd , Lucknow for 1994-95 and statement for delay in laying these papers

[English]

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) . I beg to lay on the Table

(1) A Copy each of the following papers (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956

(i) Statement regarding Review by the Government of the working of the Scooters India Limited, Lucknow, for the year 1994-95

(ii) Annual Report of the Scooters India Limited, Lucknow for the year 1994-95, alongwith Audited Accounts and comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

(2) Statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

[Placed in Library See No. LT 37/96]

Notifications Under Central Excise and Salt Act, 1944

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM) I beg to lay on the Table .

(1) A copy each of the following notifications (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (2) of section 38 of the Central Excises and Salt A , 944 :

(i) G.S.R. 213(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 17th May, 1996 toogether with an explanatory memorandum seeking to waive payment of excise duty on parts and components fabricated and captively used for building a body on the chasis of a motor vehicle for the period commencing on the 28th day of February 1993 and ending with the 28th day of February, 1994

(ii) G S R 254(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 25th June 1996 together with an explanatory memorandum seeking to provide that whole of the duty of Central Excise leviable on lime stone and captively consumed in the manufacture of cement clinkers shall not be required to be paid

(iii) The Adhoc Exemption Order No 38/3/96-CX dated the 19th March, 1996 together with an explanatory memorandum regarding exemption to certain exciseable goods procured from certain manufacturers mentioned in the notification from the whole of the duties of excise upto the 31st March, 1996

(iv) The Adhoc Exemption Order No 40/5/96-CX dated the 2nd April 1996 together with an explanatory memorandum regarding exemption to quantity of excisable goods and procurred from manufacturers as mentioned in the notification from the so much of the duty of excise leviable thereon upto the 31st March, 1997

(v) The Adhoc Exemption Order No 41/6/96-CX dated the 2nd April, 1996 together with an explanatory memorandum regarding exemption to certain hospital laundry equipment mentioned in the notification from the whole of the duties of excise leviable thereon

[Placed in Library See No LT 38/96]

(2) A copy of the Notification No G S R 117(E) (Hindi and English versions) published in Gazette of India dated the 8th March, 1996 enlarging the scope of Section 293A of the Income Tax Act 1961 in relation to participation in the business of prospecting for, extraction etc of Minerals Oils, under sub-section (3) of section 293A of the said Act

[Placed in Library See No LT 39/96]

(3) A copy of the Notification No G S R 174(E (Hindi and English versions) published in Gazette of India dated the 3rd April 1996 together with an explanatory memorandum seeking exemption to the taxable services provided by the telegraph authority to 55 specified Diplomatic Missions or members thereof from the whole of Service Tax leviable thereon under sub-section (4) of section 94 of the Finance Act 1994

[Placed in Library See No LT 40/96]

(4) A copy of the Coinage (Standard Weight and Remedy of Commemorative Coins of Two Rupees and Five Rupees Cupro Nickel Alloy (Containing Copper 75 percent and Nickel 25 percent) coined fro "8th World Tamil Conference 1995"] Rules, 1996 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No G S R 135(E) in Gazette of India dated the 19th March, 1996 under sub-section (3) of section 21 of the Coinage Act 1906

[Placed in Library See No LT 41/96]

Statement showing action taken by the Government on various assurances promises and undertakings given by the Ministers during various sessions of 8th, 9th and 10th Lok Sabha

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S R BALASUBRAMONIYAN) I beg to lay on the Table on a copy each of the following statements (Hindi and English versions) showing action taken by the Government on various assurances, promises and undertakings given by the Ministers during the

various sessions of Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Lok Sabha :–

(1) Statement No. XXXIV - Eighth Session, 1987 [Placed in Library See No. LT 42/96]	Eighth Lok Sabha
(2) Statement No. XLII - Tenth Session, 1988 [Placed in Library See No. LT 43/96]	
(3) Statement No. XXXIX - Second Session, 1990 [Placed in Library See No. LT 44/96]	Ninth Lok Sabha
(4) Statement No. XXXIV - Third Session, 1990 [Placed in Library See No. LT 45/96]	
(5) Statement No. XXXIII - First Session, 1991 [Placed in Library See No. LT 46/96]	
(6) Statement No. XXIX - Third Session, 1992 [Placed in Library See No. LT 47/96]	
(7) Statement No XXVI - Fourth Session, 1992 [Placed in Library See No. LT 48/96]	
(8) Statement No. XXIV - Fifth Session, 1992 [Placed in Library See No LT 49/96]	
(9) Statement No. XXIII - Sixth Session, 1993 [Placed in Library See No LT 50/96]	
(10) Statement No XIX - Seventh Session 1993 [Placed in Library See No LT 51/96]	
(11) Statement No XVIII - Eighth Session, 1993 [Placed in Library See No LT 52/96]	
(12) Statement No XVI - Ninth Session, 1994 [Placed in Library See No. LT 53/96]	Tenth Lok Sabha
(13) Statement No XI - Eleventh Session, 1994 [Placed in Library See No LT 54/96]	
(14) Statement No. IX - Twelfth Session 1994 [Placed in Library See No LT 55/96]	
(15) Statement No VII - Thirteenth Session, 1995 [Placed in Library See No LT 56/96]	
(16) Statement No IV - Fourteenth Session, 1995 [Placed in Library See No. LT 57/96]	
(17) Statement No II - Fifteenth Session, 1995 [Placed in Library See No LT 58/96]	
(18) Statement No I - Sixteenth Session, 1996 [Placed in Library See No LT 59/96]	